

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3877 - HB 3799

February 24, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds the definition of “alternative livestock” to the Tennessee Livestock Dealer Act. Redefines “livestock dealer” as any person who buys, receives, or assembles livestock for resale on more than nine occasions in a three month period. Requires the Commissioner to conduct a hearing to determine if a violator’s license will be suspended or revoked. Expands prohibited acts to include failure to make payment and failure to keep current bond requirements. Exempts livestock producers who buy or sell livestock in connection with personal farming operations from licensure. Requires livestock market operators to obtain licensure as a livestock dealer. Requires livestock dealers to maintain records that will allow the tracing of any livestock that may have come into contact with a diseased animal. Repeals the requirement for a livestock market charter and eliminates the requirement of a livestock charter board. Changes punishment for violations from a Class C to a Class A misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenue - Not Significant
State Expenditures – Net Impact - Not Significant**

**Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

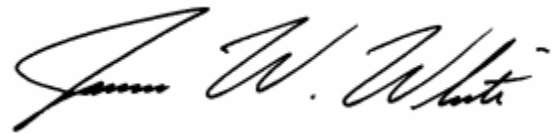
- Adding the definition of alternative livestock and the redefinition of livestock dealer will have no fiscal impact on state government.
- According to the Department, any additional costs for hearings are estimated to be not significant.
- According to the Department of Agriculture, any increase in revenue for additional licensure of livestock dealers and markets is estimated to be not significant.
- Increasing the punishment from a Class C to a Class A misdemeanor will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

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- Currently, the Department compiles all information for the livestock charter board. There will be a decrease in expenditures resulting from the elimination of this board. The decrease is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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